

**STATE OF NEW MEXICO
DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY, MINERALS AND NATURAL RESOURCES
OIL CONSERVATION DIVISION**

**APPLICATION OF RIDGE RUNNER
RESOURCES OPERATING, LLC FOR
EXTENSION TO COMMENCE DRILLING
OPERATIONS, LEA COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.**

**CASE NO. _____
ORDER NO. R-21586-A**

APPLICATION

Ridge Runner Resources Operating, LLC (“Applicant”) (OGRID No. 373013) files this application with the Oil Conservation Division (“Division”) for the limited purpose of amending Order No. R-21586-A to extend the deadline to commence drilling operations to one-year from the date of the amended order. In support of its application, Applicant states the following.

1. The Division entered Order No. R-21586 in Case No. 21477 on January 21, 2021.
2. Order No. R-21586 pooled all uncommitted mineral interests in the Bone Spring formation underlying a standard 480-acre horizontal spacing unit comprised of the SW/4 of Section 3 and the W/2 of Section 10, Township 20 South, Range 35 East, Lea County, New Mexico (“Unit”) and dedicated the Unit to the Thunderbird 3-10 Fed Com B #1H, 2H, 3H, and 4H wells (“Wells”).
3. The order designated Applicant as the operator of the Unit and Wells.
4. On December 7, 2021, the Division entered Order No. R-21586-A, which extended the deadline to commence drilling the Wells until January 21, 2023.
5. Paragraph 8 of Order No. R-21586-A provides that the Order shall terminate automatically if Operator fails to commence drilling the Wells by January 21, 2023, unless good cause is shown.
6. Applicant’s ability to commence drilling the Wells has been impacted by delays in the issuance of drilling permits and limited rig availability and will continue to be impacted by delays due

to the location of the Wells in relation to Lesser Prairie Chicken habitat. Applicant intends to commence drilling the Wells in the second half of 2023.

7. Accordingly, Applicant requests that the Division extend the deadline to commence drilling the Wells to one-year from the date an amended order is entered.

8. Good cause exists for the requested extension.

WHEREFORE, Applicant requests this application be set for hearing on February 2, 2023, and after notice and hearing, the Division amend Order No. R-21586-A to extend the time to commence drilling the Wells to one year from the date an amended order is entered.

Respectfully submitted,

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